

## ROLE PLAYERS AND CIVILIANS ON THE BATTLEFIELD

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### DESCRIPTION

The urban battlefield has Marines encountering a myriad of activity to include host nation civilians in their daily activity. Role Players portraying Civilians On the Battlefield (COB), insurgents, and other personnel encountered in operations are utilized to provide fidelity, depth, and cultural realism in training. They constitute the population which fills Military Operations in Urban Terrain training facilities and systems thereby making them an urban location.

### OPERATIONAL IMPACT

Role playing efforts allow Marines to interact with culturally correct personnel during training. Exercise Planning tools are currently in development by the Range Modernization and Transformation program that will additionally track second and third order effects of interactions with role players thereby adding even more depth to their present roles. These efforts help Marines better understand small and large cause-and-effect relationships in operations and reinforce all aspects of cultural training delivered by other training venues.

### PROGRAM STATUS

Centralized contracts are awarded to implement Role Players into Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation Enduring Freedom Predeployment Training at MAGTFTC, homestations, and other training venues.

**Procurement Profile:**  
Future year funding allows the Marine Corps to continue Role Playing activities within Pre-Deployment Training.

**Developer/Manufacturer:**  
Tatitlek Training Support Services, Defense Training Services